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Attorney General Darrell McGraw Announces Cooperative Agreement with the West Virginia American Legion and Veteran's of Foreign Wars

Charleston – Attorney General Darrell McGraw announced today that his office has entered into cooperative agreements with the West Virginia VFW and the West Virginia chapter of the American Legion for the purchase and placement of 42 Internet and video conferencing ready laptop computers. The computers will be lent to homebound West Virginia residents who have loved ones on active military duty overseas particularly in the Iraq and Afghanistan theatres. He made the announcement at the Morgantown VFW Ceremony memorializing the 66th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the sinking of the U.S.S. West Virginia.

Attorney General McGraw stated, "After consultation with personnel at West Virginia Division of Veteran's Affairs we have entered agreements to place these computers at American Legion and VFW regional offices throughout the state. They will be available on library lending basis for people to use."

"My office has been looking into this project for some months. The Governor's office has put into place a wonderful program that set up state facilities in order to give family members a location to participate in video conferencing with their loved ones on active duty around the world. It is our intention to take this plan and make this available to those that have circumstances that make them home bound", stated Attorney General McGraw.

"These computers are made available because of vouchers obtained from a settlement several years ago with the Microsoft Corporation and they have graciously agreed to use," said Attorney General McGraw.

"The VFW and American Legion have very kindly agreed to serve as the dispensing and maintenance entity for these computers", stated McGraw.

"As the holiday season approaches it seems apt for government to do what little it can to ease the burden on services members and their families", stated McGraw.

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